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SUBJECT: GENERAL COMMITTEE: ALLOCATION OF SOUTHERN
AFRICA ITEMS

REFS: USUN 3829; USUN 3845

1. WE UNDERSTAND THAT AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS WILL BE
PROPOSING THAT THE GENERAL COMMITTEE ALLOCATE VARIOUS
SOUTHERN AFRICAN AGENDA ITEMS TO PLENARY INSTEAD OF
TO COMMITTEE, AS HAS BEEN THE PRACTICE IN THE PAST.
IF THE ALLOCATION CAN BE ACHIEVED BY CONSENSUS, YOU
MAY JOIN THAT CONSENSUS. HOWEVER, IF IT COMES TO A
VOTE, YOU SHOULD ABSTAIN.

2. IN EITHER CASE, YOU SHOULD EXPLAIN U.S. POSITION,
IN LOW KEY FASHION, MAKING FOLLOWING POINTS:
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--WE WARMLY WELCOME DECISIONS BY GENERAL COMMITTEE TO ALLOCATE SOUTHERN AFRICAN ITEMS TO PLENARY AND AGREE THAT THESE ISSUES MERIT PARTICULAR ATTENTION AND PROMINENCE AT THIS TIME.

--OUR RESERVATIONS RELATE TO THE TRADITIONS WHICH, WITH FEW EXCEPTIONS, HAVE BEEN OBSERVED IN PLENARY.

IN SUPPORT OF THIS TRADITION AND WITHOUT ANY PREJUDICE WHATEVER TO THE ORGANIZATIONS OR INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED, THE U.S. OPPOSES PARTICIPATION IN PLENARY DEBATES BY PERSONS OTHER THAN REPRESENTATIVES OF MEMBER STATES. IT HAS NORMALLY BEEN RELEVANT TO HEAR REPRESENTATIVES OF LIBERATION MOVEMENTS AND OTHER INDIVIDUALS DURING COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION OF THE ITEMS IN QUESTION. WE WOULD VERY MUCH WISH TO AVOID ESTABLISHING A PRECEDENT THAT SUCH PERSONS SHOULD IN THE FUTURE EXPECT TO ADDRESS THE PLENARY. THIS IS A PROBLEM WHICH, MR. PRESIDENT, WE HOPE YOU WILL FIND A WAY TO SOLVE IN A MANNER WHICH WILL MAINTAIN BOTH THE TRADITIONS OF THE PLENARY AND THE PAST PRACTICE IN DISCUSSING THESE ITEMS.

3. MISSION SHOULD URGE UK, FRG AND OTHER WESTERN MEMBERS OF GENERAL COMMITTEE TO ADOPT SIMILAR POSITION. MISSION, AT ITS DISCRETION, SHOULD CONVEY OUR VIEWS TO KEY AFRICANS IN ADVANCE OF GENERAL COMMITTEE DISCUSSION.

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